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Statewide Coordinating Council for Public Health District Coordinating Council¹ Update

District: Central	Date: 3/23/2010
<p>Brief review of decisions and outcomes from DCC meetings held since last SCC meeting (please attach agendas):</p> <p>The January DCC meeting was replaced by a Planning Committee meeting to finalize the district work plan and develop recommendations for the formation of an Executive Committee. The new District Liaison was introduced at the January meeting, and started in February. The Planning Committee met again in February to work on Executive Committee recruitment and plan the March 11th State Health Plan Forum and H1N1 Review. On March 11, the District convened its State Health Plan Forum and H1N1 Mid-Course Review that was attended by fifty-four people. Participants discussed the new District Prevention Quality Indicator Report and issues affecting preventable hospitalizations in the District. H1N1 Review participants discussed the remarkable effort and partnerships that came about in the District to respond to the pandemic, and gave advice on what could be improved in the future. Next steps will be discussed by the Planning Committee in early April in preparation for the April 22 DCC meeting; where we will begin to develop our District Public Health Improvement Plan.</p>	
<p>Ongoing or upcoming projects or priority issues:</p> <p>Continued work with the Local Public Health System Assessment; starting work on the District Public Health Improvement Plan; membership recruitment; refining DCC committee organization and structure; implementation of the 2010 work plan; H1N1 after-action activities at the district level; website updates</p>	
<p>Status of Local Public Health System Assessment (LPHSA):</p> <p>The LPHSA is complete, and the Central District still needs to 1) examine recommended next steps and articulate them in greater detail 2) prioritize which next steps will be completed during the coming months and 3) determine who is responsible for carrying them out. We will work on this and how to use the LPHSA findings in our District Public Health Improvement Plan at our next DCC meeting (April 22).</p>	
<p>Organizations represented at meeting(s):</p> <p>Sebasticook Valley Healthy Communities Coalition; Maine CDC Public Health Nursing; Maine CDC Infectious Epidemiology; Maine CDC Office of Local Public Health; Maine Center for Public Health; Somerset Emergency Management Agency; Greater Somerset Public Health Collaborative; Healthy Communities of the Capital Area; State of Maine Employee Health and Benefits; MaineGeneral Prevention Center; New Horizons Health Care; Maine School Administrative District 48; Concentra</p>	
<p>In-district or multi-district collaborations:</p> <p>Local Public Health System Assessment; H1N1 Mid-Course Review; District State Health Plan Forum</p>	
<p>Issues or topics to be addressed by SCC:</p> <p>District Public Health Improvement Planning guidance; District input into the State Health Plan; Communication between the DCC and the SCC; Incorporation of comments on the District Prevention Quality Indicator Report from the State Health Plan Forum.</p>	
<p>Other district issues (external to the DCC) that impact public health</p> <p>We are working to provide Local Health Officer certification training in the District, and have scheduled one session with Health Communities of the Capital Area on May 5th.</p>	